

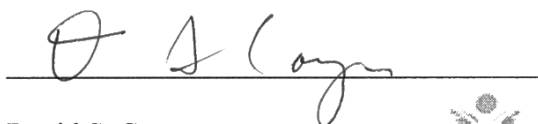
At the hearing on December 22, 2020, Mr. Walker represented that he had provided some legal authority to Defendant on the waiver of counsel issue. The Court was able to engage in a Faretta colloquy with Defendant. He is forty-one years of age and does not suffer from any physical or mental disability. He has completed a GED and is able to read and write. He affirmed his understanding of his right to retained or appointed counsel. The Court advised him that he would be expected to follow all rules of evidence and procedure and would be held to the same standard as an attorney. He understands that the presiding judge must remain impartial and cannot assist him in any way as to defenses, jury instructions, or any other matters. The Assistant U.S. Attorney stated the charge as well as the mandatory minimum and maximum penalties upon conviction. Defendant understands the charge and the mandatory minimum and maximum penalties. Defendant did not pose any questions to the Court and reiterated his request to represent himself at the conclusion of the hearing.

Defendant's answers to the Court's questions and his statements during the hearing indicate that he has made a clear and unequivocal as well as a knowing, intelligent and voluntary decision to represent himself and waive his right to counsel. The Court also finds that Defendant understands the consequences of representing himself. Finally, the Court finds that the request is timely. Therefore, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant's Motion to represent himself is **GRANTED**.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the pro se Defendant, the U.S. Attorney, and to the Honorable Kenneth D. Bell.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: December 23, 2020



David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge